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Title: METHODS FOR REDUCTION OF A GASTRIC LUMEN

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006 in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 20, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.